

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
decoding in a receiver transmission parameter signaling data from a signal, the signal including the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level than a level on which service information is included;
determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams; [[and]]
determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure; and
disregarding the signal in response to determining that the signal does not carry time-sliced elementary streams.
2. (Cancelled)
3. - 6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a decoder configured to decode transmission parameter signaling data from a signal, the signal including the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level than a level on which service information is included; [[and]]
a determiner configured to determine from decoded transmission parameter signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and configured to determine from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure, wherein the apparatus is a receiver and is configured to operate in a network; and
a controller configured to disregard a signal in response to determining that the signal does not carry time-sliced elementary streams.
8. (Cancelled)

9. - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
creating transmission parameter signaling data including two information bits to signal an indication of whether a signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and an indication of whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure; and
including the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level of the signal than a level of the signal on which service information is transmitted.

14. - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) Apparatus configured to form a signal for transmission, the apparatus being further configured to create transmission parameter signaling data including two information bits to signal an indication of whether the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and an indication of whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure, and configured to include the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level of the signal than a level of the signal on which service information is transmitted.

18. - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) Apparatus configured to form a signal for transmission, the apparatus being further configured to form a transmission parameter signaling data signal for inclusion on a lower level of a signal to which the transmission parameter signaling data signal relates than a level of the signal to which the transmission parameter signaling data signal relates on which service information is included, the transmission parameter signaling data signal comprising a predetermined number of data bits defined over consecutive orthogonal frequency division multiplex symbols, the data signal comprising at a predetermined location a group of two information bits having a state dependent on whether a signal to which the data signal relates carries time-sliced elementary streams having a forward error correction framing structure.